

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Gil Almquist at 4:00 p.m. on August 3, 2021, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commission Chair Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Adam Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw, County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

INVOCATION BY: Henry Walton, Government Affairs Office DSU

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Craig Dickason, Vietnam Veterans US Navy

Swearing In: Commissioner Adam Snow and Clerk/Auditor Susan Lewis

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for July 21, 2021 through August 3, 2021
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (6): Judith Diefenderfer, A/N 143761; Bonnie Ruedy, A/N 138860; David Bertele, A/N 973200; Donna Abboud, A/N 463144; Florene Turner, A/N 684947; Nora Nelson, A/N 293236
- Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Between the City of St. George and Washington County for the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award
- Consideration of NRCS Grant #68-8D43-14-08 Time Extension
- Consideration of Amendment to Children's Justice Center Professional Service Agreements
- Consideration of Amendment to Agreement 170646 Between the Attorney General's Office and Washington County for Reimbursement for Services Provided by the Children's Justice Court
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1184-O on Saturday, July 24, 2021

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2809, A RESOLUTION PLACING TRUST IN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH DECISIONS AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY AGAINST LOCKDOWNS AND MASK MANDATES

Chairman Almquist read aloud the aforementioned Resolution.

Washington County Health Director David Blodgett provided statistics from data collected by the Southwest Health Department regarding vaccinations and mask wearing in regards to COVID-19. The goal of the health department has been to allow health decisions to reside within individuals to make the proper health related choices for themselves.

Undersheriff James Standley stated that the Washington County Sheriff's Office will not support an enforcement of a mask mandate within Washington County.

County Attorney Eric Clarke stated that it is important for the community to feel empowered to make their own personal health decisions and take steps to protect themselves.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2021-2809, A Resolution Placing Trust in Individual Health Decisions and Establishing a Policy Against Lockdowns and Mask Mandates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

PRESENTATION: VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT: CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Children's Justice Center Director Kristy Pike explained that the Children's Justice Center (CJC) collaborates with multidisciplinary partners to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate the community. She presented on the various services provided by the Children's Justice Center in 2021. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is a large source of funding for the CJC, accounting for 55% of the overall budget; however, the VOCA funding is depleting quickly and has decreased by 36%.

Victim Coordinator Solinda Larson explained that medical services are referred to the appropriate places to ensure that adequate medical attention is given when needed.

Megan Bigwood explained the services provided by the Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT).

PRESENTATION: WASHINGTON COUNTY PHARMACY CONTRACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Johnathan Liddle explained that the current pharmacy provider for Washington County has issued several large rebates. Because of the new research, the possibility of a terminating the contract early in order to seek alternative providers is being explored.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Clerk/Auditor’s Office, Fleet (2).....	(\$0.00)
Library, Utah State Content Credit	(\$51,255.00)
Recorder’s Office, GIS Software	(\$12,626.00)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1185-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE

Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that the Ordinance provides the procedure for event organizers to coordinate large events in Washington County concerning permitting, traffic regulations and security.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2021-1185-O, An Ordinance Amending the Special Events Ordinance Title 3, Chapter 3, of the Washington County Code with all Additions and Deletions as Presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2805, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Chairman Almquist stated that with the passing of Commissioner Cox and the restructuring of Commission duties, it has been recommended that Commissioner Iverson serve on the Boundary Commission with a term to expire, January 31, 2025.

MOTION: Motion by Chairman Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2021-2805, A Resolution Appointing Commissioner Victor Iverson as a Member of the Washington County Boundary Commission. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2806, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAM SNOW TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED BOARD

Commissioner Iverson stated that the duties of the Commissioners have been reassigned, necessitating a change in the County Commission appointee to the Noxious Weed Board. It has been recommended to appoint Commissioner Adam Snow to serve as the County designee with a term to expire December 31, 2022.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2021-2806, A Resolution Appointing Adam Snow to the Washington County Noxious Weed Board. Motion seconded by Chairman Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2807, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAM SNOW TO THE SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND CONTROL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Iverson explained that Commissioner Adam Snow will represent the Commission on the Mosquito Abatement Board with a term to expire December 31, 2022.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2021-2807, A Resolution Appointing Adam Snow to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District's Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2808, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADAM SNOW TO THE SNOW CANYON JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Clarke explained that the Snow Canyon State Park is one the few state parks that have a local board.

Commissioner Adam Snow will represent Washington County on the Snow Canyon Joint Management Committee until the duties are reassigned or Commissioner Snow is no longer a Commissioner.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2021-2808, A Resolution Appointing Adam Snow to the Snow Canyon Joint Management Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2810, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER REGARDING OFFICE SPACE SHARING FOR RECOVERY COURT STAFF

County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that recovery court was formally known as drug court which is jointly operated by the Southwest Behavioral Health Center, the Fifth District Court, the Sheriff's Office, and the Attorney's Office. The Southwest Behavioral Health Center has an employee assigned to work full time in an administration role for the recovery court program which is operated out of the Washington County Court Support Services Building. The interlocal agreement is still under attorney review and will come before the Commissioners for signatures when available.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution R-2021-2810, A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Washington County and Southwest Behavioral Health Center Regarding Office Space Sharing For Recovery Court Staff Pending Final Attorney Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2811, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC STUDY SERVICES RE: KOLOB MOUNTAIN AND THE ABOVE ZION CUP PROJECT

Mr. Clarke explained that the Kolob mountain area has received an increase in visitation necessitating further studies to provide increased recreation opportunities as well as safe access. Several proposed projects in the area will also increase tourism and recreation rates further impacting roadways inside and outside the project. An engineering firm has been selected to analyze the traffic and roadways in the area to determine if they comply with the applicable standards.

Chairman Almquist clarified that this will cover the entire Kolob region and not just the areas identified by the proposed projects.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution R-2021-2811, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement for Engineering and Traffic Study Services re: Kolob Mountain and the Above Zion CUP Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

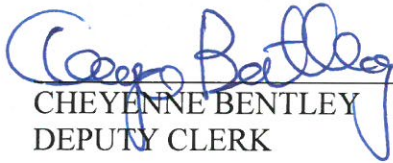
COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Snow expressed appreciation for the support received in his new role as Commissioner.


Commissioner Iverson encouraged people to be mindful of the recent rainfalls and take proper precautions when necessary.

As a matter of record, Commissioner Gil Almquist will be replacing Dean Cox and Clerk/Auditor Susan Lewis will be replacing Kim Hafen as two of the authorized signers for all Cache Valley Bank accounts.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



CHEYENNE BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK



GIL ALMQUIST
CHAIRMAN